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Mississippi Cattle Inventory Down

All cattle and calves in Mississippi on January 1, 2000, totaled 1.07 million head, down 8 percent from a year earlier. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 615,000 head, were 2 percent below a year earlier. Beef cows, at 579,000 head, were down 2 percent from a year earlier. Milk cows, at 36,000 head, were down 8 percent from January 1, 1999. The 1999 calf crop totaled 540,000 head, the same as the previous year.

There were 26,000 operations with cattle and calves in 1999, the same as 1998. The number of operations with beef cows was estimated at 24,000, the same as the previous year. The number of operations with milk cows was estimated at 550, down 8 percent from a year earlier.

Cattle and Calves: Number on Farms by Classes, Mississippi and U.S.
January 1, 1999-2000 ^{1/}

Class	Mississippi			U.S.		
	1999	2000	% of Prev. Year	1999 ^{2/}	2000	% of Prev. Year
1,000 Head						
All Cattle and Calves	1,160	1,070	92	99,115	98,048	99
All Cows	630	615	98	42,878	42,734	100
Beef Cows	591	579	98	33,745	33,546	99
Milk Cows	39	36	92	9,133	9,188	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and above	156	115	74	19,774	19,528	99
Beef Cow Replacements	107	80	75	5,535	5,530	100
Milk Cow Replacements	17	15	88	4,069	3,954	97
Other Heifers	32	20	63	10,170	10,045	99
Steers 500 Pounds and above	51	38	75	16,891	16,652	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and above	43	42	98	2,281	2,294	101
Calves Under 500 Pounds	280	260	93	17,290	16,840	97
Calf Crop Entire Year ^{3/}	540	N/A	100	38,710	N/A	100

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Revised.

^{3/} Percent of previous year is 1999 as a percent of 1998.

U.S. Catfish Processing, January 2000

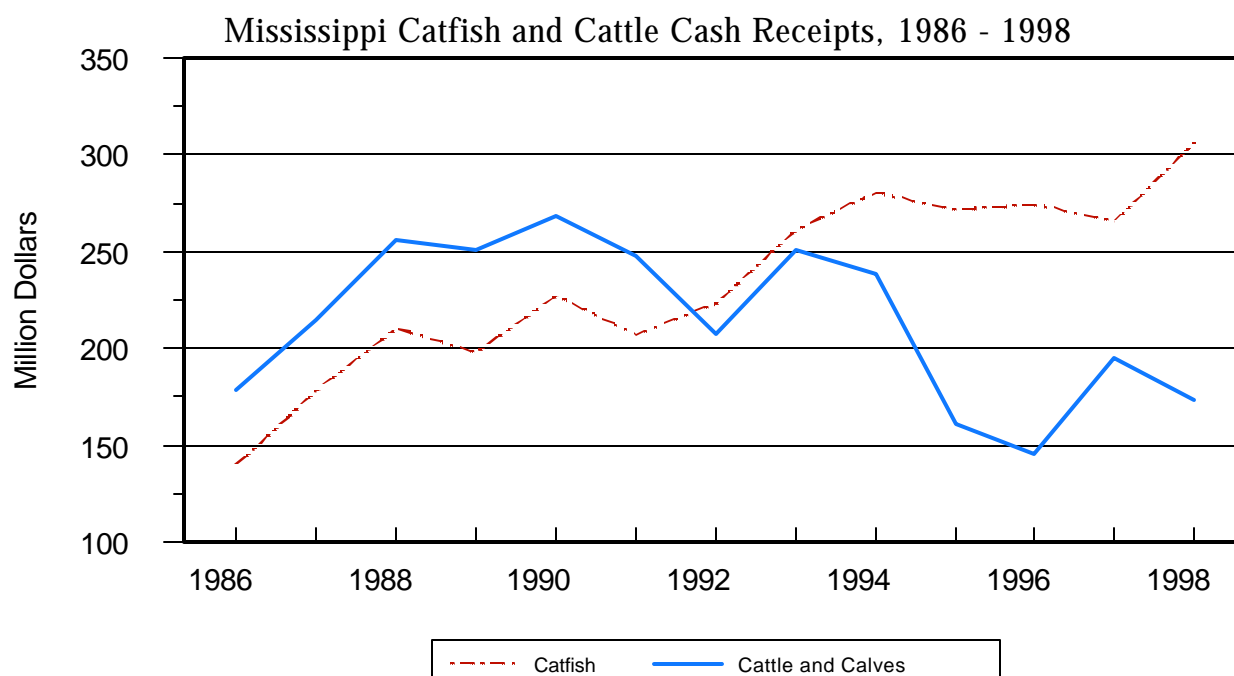
Farm-raised catfish processed in the U.S. during December 1999 totaled 48.3 million pounds round weight, up 11 percent from December 1998. The average price paid to producers was 71.6 cents per pound for December 1999, up 0.3 cents from last month and 1.6 cents above a year ago.

Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 1998-99

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers 1/		Imports of Catfish 2/	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		(000) Pounds	
January	46,723	48,723	46,723	48,723	.69	.703	91	57
February	47,606	48,891	94,329	97,614	.73	.714	9	53
March	53,761	56,310	148,090	153,924	.78	.732	99	113
April	49,393	46,830	197,483	200,754	.79	.756	82	250
May	45,218	47,703	242,701	248,457	.79	.777	208	541
June	46,244	48,445	288,945	296,902	.78	.775	193	372
July	46,383	50,074	335,328	346,976	.76	.768	195	475
August	47,739	50,372	383,067	397,348	.74	.743	132	479
September	46,579	50,414	429,646	447,762	.73	.728	21	304
October	47,904	52,407	477,550	500,169	.71	.716	92	217
November	43,224	48,118	520,774	548,287	.70	.713	174	
December	43,581	48,341	564,355	596,628	.70	.716	90	

^{1/} Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include any adjustments based on year-end settlements.

^{2/} Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.



Pecan Utilized Production

Utilized Pecan production for 1999 in Mississippi is estimated at 4.00 million pounds, up 2.80 million pounds from 1998. The improved varieties accounted for 3.00 million pounds, and native and seedling accounted for 1.00 million pounds. The total value of production is estimated at \$3.70 million, up \$2.74 million from the previous year.

The **U.S. Utilized Pecan** production for 1999 is estimated at 325 million pounds, up 122 percent from 1998. The improved varieties accounted for 71 percent of the utilized production, while native and seedling accounted for the remaining 29 percent. The total value of production is estimated at \$274 million, up 54 percent from 1998.

Pecans: Utilized Production and Price by Variety, Selected States, and United States, 1998-99

Selected States and Variety	Utilized Production		Price per Pound		Value of Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Improved Varieties ^{1/}						
Arkansas	300	760	1.150	0.790	345	600
Louisiana	3,000	4,000	1.000	0.950	3,000	3,800
Mississippi	800	3,000	0.870	1.050	696	3,150
United States	112,000	228,960	1.350	0.970	150,908	222,157
Native and Seeding						
Arkansas	250	3,040	0.880	0.700	220	2,128
Louisiana	13,000	14,000	0.600	0.500	7,800	7,000
Mississippi	400	1,000	0.660	0.550	264	550
United States	34,400	95,540	0.772	0.539	26,544	51,522
All Pecans						
Arkansas	550	3,800	1.030	0.718	565	2,728
Louisiana	16,000	18,000	0.675	0.600	10,800	10,800
Mississippi	1,200	4,000	0.800	0.925	960	3,700
United States	146,400	324,500	1.210	0.843	177,452	273,679

^{1/} Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

December 1999 Livestock Slaughter

Mississippi: Commercial red meat production totaled 26.0 million pounds during December 1999, compared with 28.5 million during November 1999 and 25.7 million during December 1998.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, down 2 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in December 1998. December 1998 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 1999 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and slightly above the previous record high for December set in 1976. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, down 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds.

January-December red meat production was 46.1 billion pounds, 2 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year; veal was down 10 percent; pork was up 2 percent; and lamb and mutton was down 2 percent.

Leading Irrigation States: Census Years 1997, 1992, and 1987

Geographic Area	Acres Irrigated			Rank			Percent of U.S. Total
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987	
United States	55,058,128	49,404,030	46,386,201	---	---	---	100
20 Leading States	51,159,744	45,703,882	42,936,801	---	---	---	93
California	8,712,893	7,571,313	7,546,091	1	1	1	16
Nebraska	6,939,036	6,311,633	5,681,835	2	2	2	28
Texas	5,484,663	4,912,308	4,271,043	3	3	3	38
Arkansas	3,717,217	2,701,651	2,406,338	4	6	7	45
Idaho	3,493,542	3,260,006	3,219,192	5	4	4	52
Colorado	3,430,129	3,169,839	3,013,773	6	5	5	58
Kansas	2,707,489	2,680,343	2,463,073	7	7	6	63
Montana	1,994,484	1,978,167	1,996,882	8	8	8	66
Oregon	1,948,739	1,622,235	1,648,205	9	11	9	70
Florida	1,862,404	1,782,680	1,622,750	10	9	10	73
Wyoming	1,719,463	1,464,585	1,517,891	11	12	12	76
Washington	1,705,025	1,641,437	1,518,684	12	10	11	79
Utah	1,212,201	1,142,514	1,161,207	13	13	13	82
Mississippi	1,076,231	882,976	636,842	14	16	19	84
Arizona	1,013,902	956,454	913,841	15	14	14	85
Louisiana	942,528	897,641	646,677	16	15	17	87
Missouri	881,924	708,864	534,795	17	19	20	89
New Mexico	804,616	738,272	718,449	18	17	16	90
Nevada	764,738	556,172	778,977	19	20	15	92
Georgia	748,520	724,792	640,256	20	18	18	93

Chickens: Number on Farms and Value, Selected States and U.S., December 1 ¹

State	Total Number		Hens and Pullets of Laying Age		Value Per Head		Total Value	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head				Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	16,068	16,132	10,635	10,495	5.20	5.40	86,388	87,113
Arkansas	23,500	25,773	14,732	15,813	5.10	5.10	119,850	131,442
Georgia	31,126	30,000	21,549	20,940	3.30	3.40	102,716	102,000
Kentucky	5,300	5,650	3,750	3,700	2.20	2.60	11,660	14,690
Louisiana	2,650	2,630	1,992	1,942	2.50	2.80	6,625	7,364
Mississippi	11,009	11,076	6,588	6,793	5.60	5.10	61,650	56,488
Missouri	8,810	8,443	6,690	6,184	2.90	2.90	25,549	24,485
Tennessee	2,255	2,155	1,290	1,181	4.90	5.80	11,050	12,499
Texas	24,400	24,400	17,607	18,165	2.80	2.80	68,320	68,320
United States	425,045	436,326	321,718	329,305	2.69	2.65	1,143,835	1,154,840

¹ Excludes Broilers.

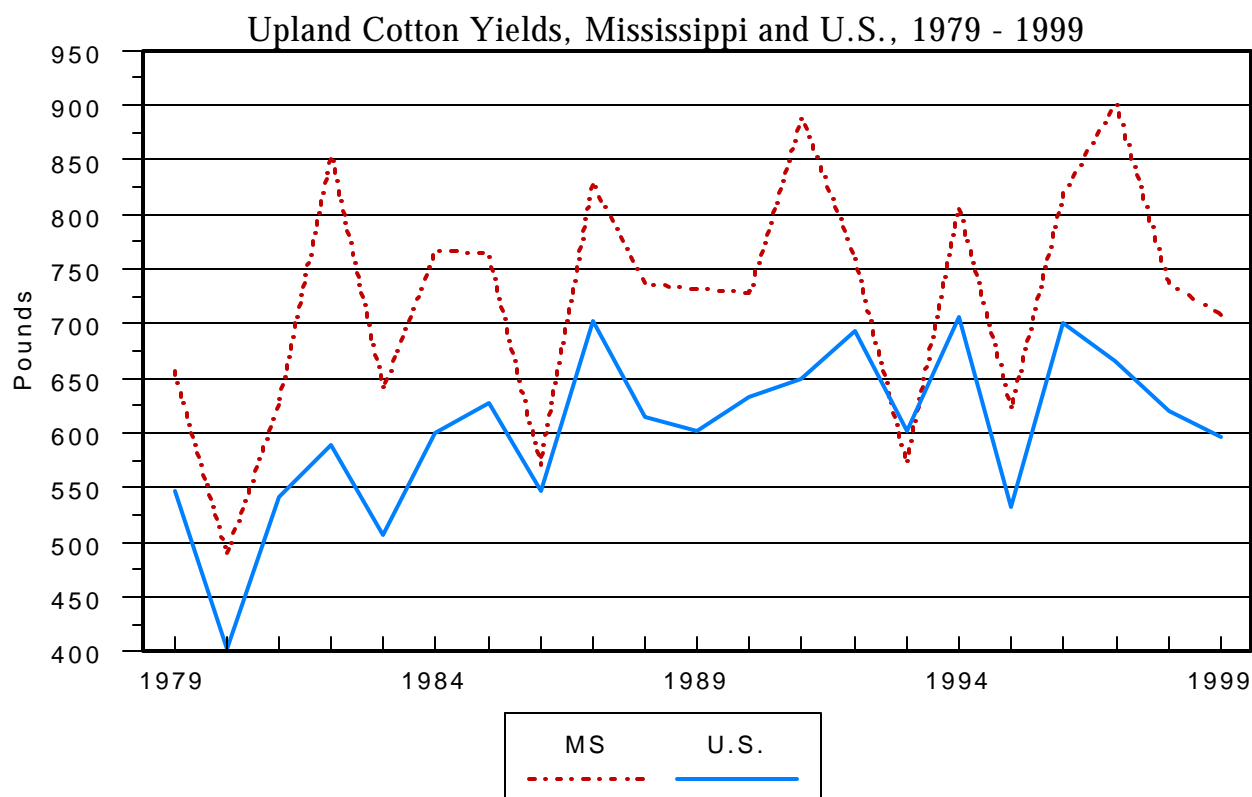
December Layers and Egg Production, Selected States and U.S.

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000		Million		Million	
Ohio	30,344	31,454	---	---	---	---
California	26,357	24,931	---	---	---	---
Indiana	21,965	22,743	474	519	12	12
Pennsylvania	22,752	22,720	515	498	16	18
Georgia	21,417	21,002	274	276	183	182
Texas	17,608	17,899	---	---	---	---
Arkansas	14,851	15,782	103	116	182	188
North Carolina	11,552	11,429	94	90	134	131
Alabama	10,576	10,431	88	79	119	127
Mississippi	6,651	6,675	38	43	91	92
United States	321,782	328,646	5,975	6,194	1,072	1,080

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to
January 15, Selected States, and United States, Crop Years 1996-1999**

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1996	1997	1998	1999
All Cotton				
Alabama	746,850	522,050	536,700	619,650
Arizona	783,250	745,100	563,250	651,050
Arkansas	1,590,800	1,626,050	1,172,300	1,389,350
California	2,570,350	2,528,050	1,448,950	2,040,150
Florida ¹	119,000			
Georgia	2,027,000	1,827,400	1,481,000	1,516,500
Kansas ¹	0			
Louisiana	1,298,400	1,001,950	652,400	918,950
Mississippi	1,815,900	1,764,450	1,400,150	1,680,350
Missouri	555,650	547,100	337,750	450,400
New Mexico	86,650	76,700	68,050	59,200
North Carolina	966,900	909,950	1,006,150	797,550
Oklahoma	119,850	170,200	133,650	134,450
South Carolina	431,450	386,000	333,350	262,650
Tennessee	662,050	646,200	529,950	574,200
Texas	4,175,150	5,014,900	3,510,400	4,872,150
Virginia	151,700	131,300	133,550	133,650
United States	18,100,950	18,012,850	13,376,350	16,223,600

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.



U.S. Number of Hired Farmworkers and Median Weekly Earnings, 1995 - 97 ¹

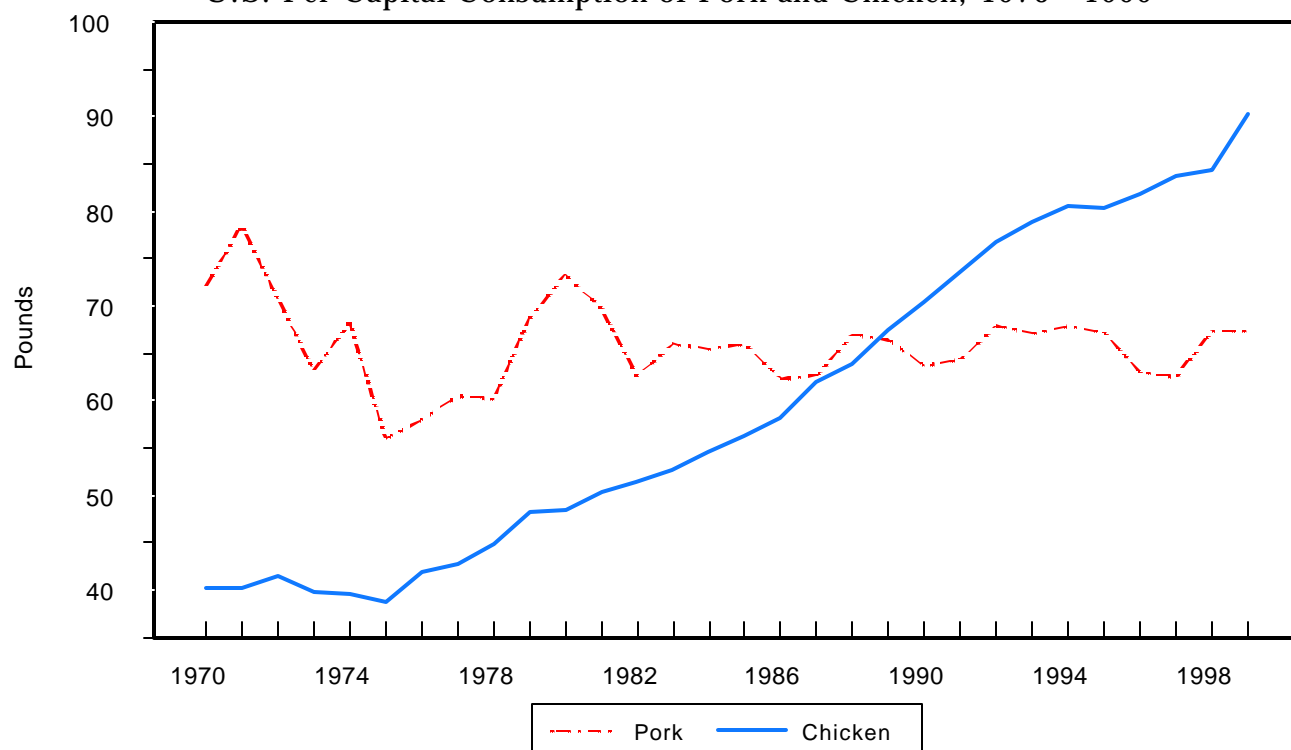
Commodity	Workers			Median Weekly Earnings		
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997
	Thousands			Dollars		
All Workers	849	906	889	247	250	250
15-19 years old	124	155	141	120	100	110
20-24 years old	132	98	131	250	225	240
25-34 years old	227	218	216	250	284	280
35-44 years old	148	199	190	269	280	280
45-54 years old	118	123	114	260	260	276
55 years old and older	100	113	96	227	241	260
Male	718	763	741	248	250	260
Female	131	143	148	200	188	204
White ²	455	534	465	231	248	240
Black and other races ²	45	46	59	204	220	250
Hispanic	349	326	365	245	250	252
Schooling completed	121	119	109	230	250	254
5th-8th grade	191	181	196	231	240	240
9th-12th grade (no diploma)	193	219	220	200	200	200
High school diploma	220	230	198	280	275	277
Beyond high school	125	157	165	300	320	315
Full-time ³	694	703	725	260	280	277
Part-time ³	155	203	164	95	100	100

¹ Represents average number of persons 15 years and over in the civilian noninstitutional population who were employed per week as hired farmworkers. Based on Current Population Survey microdata earnings file.

² Excludes persons of Hispanic origin.

³ Full-time is 35 or more hours worked per week. Part-time is less than 35 hours worked per week.

U.S. Per Capital Consumption of Pork and Chicken, 1970 - 1999



Mississippi and U.S. Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	January 1999 Entire Month		December 1999 Entire Month		January 2000 Mid-Month	
		MS	U.S.	MS	U.S.	MS	U.S.
Corn	bu	---	2.06	---	1.82	---	1.90
Cotton, Upland	lb	.611	.581	.423	.430	.418 ¹	.444 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	.3.05	---	2.65	---	2.93
Soybeans	bu	5.84	5.32	4.58	4.44	4.70	4.59
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.70	---	2.27	---	2.35
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	9.09	---	6.19	---	6.27
All Milk	cwt	19.30	17.40	14.20	12.20	---	11.90
Fluid	cwt	19.30	17.50	14.20	12.20	---	12.00
Manufacturing	cwt	---	15.30	---	10.70	---	10.70
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	59.00	---	66.60	---	66.60
Cows	cwt	---	33.40	---	35.10	---	35.20
Calves	cwt	---	83.20	---	98.60	---	102.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	62.20	---	70.80	---	70.70
All Hogs	cwt	---	26.30	---	35.60	---	36.30
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	26.70	---	36.00	---	36.50
Sows	cwt	---	18.00	---	26.70	---	32.20
Broilers, Live	lb	.370	.379	---	.368	---	.350 ²
Market Eggs	doz	.650 ³	.582 ³	.400	.433	.350	.397

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Entire month.

³ Mid-month price. Includes eggs sold retail by the producer.